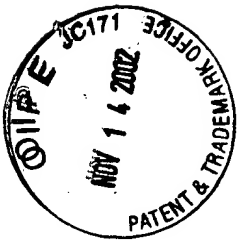


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Dear Mr. Goodman:

Please cancel Claim 6 and substitute Claim 7. Claim 7 includes no new matter.

The words and phrases objected to have been corrected, as in line 1-2, the phrase "a cabbage cutter, a non-powered, hand operated kitchen utensil for cutting and chopping cabbage" has been changed to read--a cabbage cutter that is non-powered and hand operated for cutting and chopping cabbage--, and in line 7-8, the phrase "the device" has been changed to read--cabbage cutter--, and in line 18-19, the phrase "the operator" has been changed to read--an operator.

The stoma flange cutter anticipated by Steib et al that you referenced and compared to my invention differs from the cabbage cutter in design and that the stoma flange cutter has a mechanism inside the cylindrical body that manipulates the cutting process. This mechanism comprises a first section and a second section, the first section having a first surface portion with an annular cutter element extending perpendicularly therefrom. A post also extends from the surface within the cutter element and is concentric therewith, the cutter element and post each extending in an axial direction a predetermined distance from the first surface portion. The second section has

first and second spaced surface portions and a through bore between the surface portions, the bore being adapted for cooperative association with the post to rotate the cutting element in a downward direction to a predetermined distance whereby the cutting element is exposed and adapted, or adjusted, to cut a stoma flange to the appropriate size, whereas, the cylindrical body of the cabbage cutter is hollow and empty and the open bottom of the device is filed or rubbed down to a smooth, thin sharp cutting and chopping edge that provides a simple and easy operation for cutting and chopping cabbage.

All the other cutter inventions having a circular top, a circular bottom, a cylindrical body wall, a permanently affixed cap, cutting edge, and a removable protective cover that have been identified as similar to the cabbage cutter, including the Ice Cream Dispenser by F. P. Rothje, Vegetable Cutter by J. F. Bell, Kitchen Utensil by B.L. Collins, Circle Cutter and Protective Cover by J. M. Snyder, Kitchen Classics Cookie Cutters and Storage Tin, Combination Canister Cover and Cookie Cutter by Jane Ancona et al, Ice Cream Sandwich Maker by John V. Zaruba et al, and a Trimming Knife by E. S. Harris, differ from the cabbage cutter in design and some have additional movable and/or adjustable mechanical parts, insertions, or particular formations within the body construction that assist or manipulate the cutting process, whereas, the cabbage cutter is a simple, one piece cutter comprising a hollow and empty cylindrical body with a permanently affixed handgrip at the top, an open bottom rim filed or rubbed down to a cutting and chopping edge, and a cover for the cutting and chopping edge. The cabbage cutter has no additional parts, insertions, or formations inside or outside the cylindrical body to assist or manipulate the cutting process.

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